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1. THE SAG HAS APPROVED THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT CONTAINED REFTEL. FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD AL-FAISAL WILL HOST A DINNER IN THE SECRETARY'S HONOR. WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DINNER BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL BE HELD AT PRINCE SAUD'S HOME AND WILL BE FAIRLY INFORMAL. (APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR DINNER AND ALL OTHER EVENTS ON SCHEDULE IS BUSINESS SUIT.)

2. PRINCE SAUD HAS INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT IF ADDITIONAL TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY SEEM NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE THEY CAN BE HELD AT HIS HOME AFTER DINNER. THIS POINT IS BEING LEFT FLEXIBLE.

3. IN PARAGRAPH SIX BELOW WE HAVE REPEATED THE ENTIRE SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT IN SOMEWHAT GREATER DETAIL THAN

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THAT CONTAINED REFTEL. MOST CHANGES ARE MINOR INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY UPON ARRIVAL AT THE GUEST PALACE WILL NOT RPT NOT GO TO THE SECRETARY'S SUITE FOR THEIR INITIAL TALKS BUT RATHER TO A SMALL SALON IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT THE ENTRANCE TO THE GUEST PALACE.

4. DUE TO LACK OF SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE LOCATION WITHIN THE GUEST PALACE AND THE TIGHT SCHEDULE WHICH PRECLUDES CHOICE OF ANOTHER SITE, THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH AMERICAN MISSION MEMBERS WILL TAKE PLACE IN A PORTION OF THE VERY LARGE GUEST PALACE ENTRANCE HALL. NON-AMERICANS (I.E., GUEST PALACE STAFF, LOCAL SECURITY PPOPLE) WILL BE ABLE TO LISTEN IN AND THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS SHOULD THEREFORE BE TAILORED ACCORDINGLY. ATTENDEES WILL INCLUDE: MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF, OFFICIALS OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION, US MILITARY TRAINING MISSION, NATIONAL GUARD MODERNIZATION PROGRAM AND CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ACCOMPANIED IN SOME INSTANCES BY WIVES. TOTAL NUMBER ABOUT 60-70.

5. THERE IS NO SUITABLE CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE GUEST PALACE. WE ARE THEREFORE, IF SECRETARY AGREES, PLANNING TO HOLD THE CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING IN THE LARGE SALON WITHIN THE SECRETARY'S SUITE. THERE WILL BE NO CONFERENCE TABLE; FOR- MAT ACCORDINGLY WILL BE INFORMAL. (SY ADVANCE PARTY INFORMS US THAT FROM STANDPOINT OF PERSONAL AND TECHNICAL SECURITY THIS IS THE PREFERRED LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE.)

6. SCHEDULE AND SCENARIO.
FEBRUARY 19

1520 SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT ARRIVES. MET AT PLANESIDE BY FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD AL-FAISAL, CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL SALEM SUNBOL, DCM HUME HORAN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ROYAL PROTOCOL. PROCEED TO VIP LOUNGE FOR WELCOMING COFFEE. PRESS WILL BE ADMITTED FOR PHOTOGRAPHS BUT SAUDIS PREFER SECRET

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NO RPT NO ARRIVAL STATEMENTS OR PRESS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1530 DEPART AIRPORT FOR ROYAL GUEST PALACE. ALL PERSONS WHO WILL NOT BE WITH THE SECRETARY DURING THE WEL- COMING SESSION IN THE VIP LOUNGE SHOULD PROCEED TO THEIR CARS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DEBARKING FROM THE AIRCRAFT. THEY WILL BE MET BY ESCORT OFFICERS. (CAR ASSIGNMENTS BY SEPTTEL.) THE MOTORCADE WILL DEPART THE AIRPORT SMARTLY WHEN THE SECRETARY HAS ENTERED HIS LINOUSINE. DELAYING ENTERING THE VEHICLES UNTIL THE SECRETARY HAS DONE SO MIGHT MEAN BEING LEFT BEHIND BY MOTORCADE AND DELAYED ARRIVAL AT THE GUEST PALACE.

1545 ARRIVE ROYAL GUEST PALACE. FOREIGN MINISTER WILL ESCORT THE SECRETARY TO SMALL SALON IMMEDIATELY TO THE LEFT OF THE ENTRANCE DOOR AND WILL REMAIN FOR INITIAL TALKS. US ATTENDEES TO INCLUDE

OFFICIAL PARTY (INCLUDING AMBASSADOR PORTER) PLUS
DCM HORAN AND MR SABBAGH.

1615 (APPROXIMATELY) PRINCE SAUDI DEPARTS. SECRETARY
PROCEEDS TO HIS SUITE.

1655 SECRETARY DEPARTS GUEST PALACE FOR MEETING WITH
CROWN PRINCE FAHD AT MAATHER ROYAL PALACE. (THE
GUEST PALACE IS VERY LARGE. THE WALK FROM SECRE-
TARY'S SUITE TO FRONT DOOR OF GUEST PALACE WILL REQUIRE
2-3 MINUTES.)

1700 SECRETARY ARRIVES AT MAATHER ROYAL PALACE. FONMIN
PRINCE SAUDI WILL MEET AT ENTRANCE AND ESCORT TO
AUDIENCE CHAMBER. IN ADDITION TO CROWN PRINCE AND
FOREIGN MINISTER WE BELIEVE THAT SECOND DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER AND NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDER PRINCE ABDULLAH
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BIN ABD AL AZIZ IS LIKELY ALSO TO BE PRESENT. US
ATTENDEES: THE SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR PORTER, UNDER-
SECRETARY HABIB, MR ATHERTON, DCM HORAN (NOTETAKER),
ISA SABBAGH.

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1900 (APPROXIMATE) DEPART MAATHAR ROYAL PALACE FOR ROYAL GUEST PALACE.

1905 ARRIVE GUEST PALACE. FREE TIME.

2025 DEPART GUEST PALACE FOR HOME OF FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD FOR DINNER. DINNER WILL BE INFORMAL. NO TOASTS. THE SAUDIS HAVE ASSURED US THAT THEY WILL INVITE ALL MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY, THE VISITING CHIEFS OF MISSION, AND SOME SENIOR EMBASSY AND OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS. THEY WILL INFORM US LATER WHETHER THIS LIST CAN BE FURTHER EXPANDED AFTER PRINCE SAUD HAS DECIDED HOW MANY WILL BE PRESENT ON THE SAUDI SIDE AND HOW MANY CAN COMFORTABLY BE HOSTED AT THE PRINCE'S HOME. DINNER FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY WILL BE SERVED AT THE GUEST PALACE.

2200 (APPROXIMATE) DINNER ENDS. IF DESIRED SECRETARY MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER.

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0730 (OR WHEN DESIRED) BREAKFAST. SECRETARY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY CAN ORDER BREAKFAST IN THEIR ROOMS. BREAKFAST WILL ALSO BE SERVED IN DINING ROOM ON GROUND FLOOR.

0845 SECRETARY MEETS WITH GULF/PENINSULA CHIEFS OF MISSION IN SALON IN HIS SUITE.

1015 SECRETARY MEETS WITH MEMBERS OF MISSION STAFF IN ENTRANCE HALL. AFTER REMARKS TO ASSEMBLED AMERICANS SECRETARY PROCEEDS TO NEARBY SALON (SAME ONE USED AT TIME OF HIS ARRIVAL) TO AWAIT FOREIGN MINISTER.

1030 FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD ARRIVES TO ESCORT SECRETARY TO AIRPORT.

1045 ARRIVE AIRPORT. SECRETARY WILL BE SERVED COFFEE AND HE AND FOREIGN MINISTER CAN MAKE BRIEF DEPARTURE STATEMENTS FOLLOWED BY SHORT QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD.

1100 SECRETARY BOARDS AIRCRAFT.

7. NOTE ON WELCOMING COFFEE CEREMONY. SAUDIS TRADITIONALLY

GREET THEIR GUESTS BY SERVING BEDOUIN COFFEE. COFFEE,
UNSWEETENED AND STRONGLY FLAVORED WITH CARDAMON, IS SERVED
IN SMALL CUPS. SECRETARY MAY DRINK AS MANY CUPS AS HE
WISHES AND THE COFFEE SERVER WILL CONTINUE TO REFILL THE
CUP UNLESS UPON RETURNING IT TO HIM THE SECRETARY WIGGLES
IT, INDICATING HE HAS HAD ENOUGH.
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